

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Balyeat, on March 13, 2009 at 10
A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 374, HB 390, HB 530, 3/5/2009

Executive Action: HB 195

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 195

00:03:22 Chairman Balyeat

00:03:55 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **HB 195 BE CONCURRED IN.**
EXHIBIT (bus56a01)

Note: Amendments were passed out. Due to time constraints, further action will be not taken until Tuesday 3/17/09.

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:02 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 390, Provide for licensure of outpatient birth centers.

EXHIBIT (bus56a02)

EXHIBIT (bus56a03)

EXHIBIT (bus56a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:29 Rep. Dave Howard, HD 60

00:18:35 Mikelann Caywood Baerg, Certified Midwife

00:22:43 Elaine Becker, Family Birth Center, Great Falls

00:24:55 Jeanine Ockey-Webb, self

EXHIBIT (bus56a05)

00:29:31 Martha Garcia, nursing student, Montana State University, Bozeman, read letter from Megkian Doyle

EXHIBIT (bus56a06)

00:32:35 Karen Finley, self

00:36:01 Melgrie Arkoudas, student Midwife

00:38:09 Jennifer Icenogle, self

00:39:50 Jamie Miller, Registered Nurse, Great Falls

00:42:33 Cassidy Baerg, Missoula

00:43:38 Barbie Eriksson, Bozeman

EXHIBIT (bus56a07)

00:45:17 Sasha Lindberg, Missoula

EXHIBIT (bus56a08)

00:47:37 Aimee Morel-Seytoux, Bozeman

00:49:30 Steve Elfelt, Bozeman, former Emergency Medical
Technician (EMT)

00:58:17 Lisa Blank, Belgrade

[EXHIBIT \(bus56a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:21 Steve Yeakel, Executive Director, Montana Council For
Maternal and Child Health

[EXHIBIT \(bus56a10\)](#)

01:03:52 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

[EXHIBIT \(bus56a11\)](#)

01:13:07 Dr. Drew Malany, MD, OB/GYN Doctor, Helena

[EXHIBIT \(bus56a12\)](#)

01:17:17 Dr. Gwen Jones, Board Certified OB/GYN, Helena

01:19:28 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic

01:24:39 Elissa Blewett, Attorney and former Nurse

01:25:17 Sen. Windy Boy arrived.

01:28:41 Amy Astin, Benefis Health System, Great Falls

01:31:41 Amy Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

01:34:21 Sen. Windy Boy left the room.

01:36:25 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT \(bus56a13\)](#)

01:38:43 Frank Cody, BCBS Montana

01:39:27 Dr. Kevin Kelly, MD, Great Falls Clinic

Informational Testimony:

01:41:43 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Assurance Division,
Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:42:47 Sen. Jackson

01:43:34 Jeff Buska

01:44:36 Sen. Jackson

01:44:44 Rep. Reinhart

01:47:46 Sen. Brown

01:49:41 Mary Dalton, Medicaid and Health Services Manager,
DPHHS

01:49:49 Sen. Brown

01:49:55 Rep. Reinhart
01:53:18 Sen. Brown
01:53:45 Mikelann Caywood Baerg
01:55:22 Chairman Balyeat
02:02:03 Rep. Reinhart
02:02:08 Sen. Tropila
02:02:19 Chairman Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:31 Rep. Reinhart

02:05:01 Break
02:14:02 Resume

HEARING ON HB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:14:05 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 374, Revise electrician licensing law.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:33 Jack Fisher, President, State Electrical Board
02:16:37 Rick Hutchinson, Licensed Master Electrician, Vice
Chairman of State Electrical Board
02:18:34 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers #233 (IBEW)
02:19:56 Margaret Morgan, Lobbyist, International Electrical
Contractors (IEC) for the greater Montana area
02:21:46 Nathan MacLean, Apprentice Electrician

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:22:23 Jeannie Worsech, Bureau Chief, Business and
Occupational Licensing, Department of Labor and
Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:22:53 Chairman Balyeat
02:27:45 Keith Allen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:27 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 530

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:29:18 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 530, Clarify that practice of social work includes diagnosis.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:30:50 David Segerstrom, President, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

02:32:50 Bill Evans, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

02:34:52 Kimberly Gardner, LCSW and Licensed Addiction Counselor
EXHIBIT (bus56a14)

02:37:52 Mary McCue, Lobbyist, NASW

02:39:13 Gloria Hermanson, Lobbyist, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:39:52 Sen. Brown

02:40:01 Rep. Arntzen

02:41:07 Sen. Brown

02:41:08 Kimberly Gardner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:36 Rep. Arntzen

02:43:13 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:45 P.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([bus56aad.pdf](#))